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- On 1 July 1953, the Central Institute for Radio Technique (Zentralinstitut fuer Funktechnik)(ZIF), 116 Rudowerchaussee, Berlin-Adlershof, which was subordinate to the Main Administration for Radio of the Ministry for Post and Telecommunications (Ministerium fuer Post und Fernmeldetechnik)(MPF), and was established to control and coordinate all technical developments in the enterprises subordinate to the Main Administration, lost all control over these enterprises with the establishment of the Main Administration for Radio (HV Funk) in the Ministry for Machine Construction (Ministerium fuer Maschinenbau). The new course also resulted in a slowing up of the establishment of the Central Institute. Conferences with ministerial offices were more difficult and less successful after the mass demonstrations of 17 June 1953.
- In addition to allocations for salaries, the 1953 budget allocated by the Main Administration for Radio amounted to approximately 750,000 DME. Of this amount, 280,000 DME were for the purchase of equipment, 100,000 DME for construction, and 370,000 DME for development projects. Approximately 250,000 DME were for the Main Department for Electronic Tubes. The 1954 budget for the Central Institute was fixed by the State Planning Commission at 4,000,000 DME. Actual planning for 1954 was not yet feasible, however, because research orders had not yet been planned.
- Groups of the Central Institute taken over from the Central Laboratory of the State Broadcasting Committee (Zentrallaboratorium des Staatlichen Rundfunkkomitee) and the MPF continued to work on their previous projects. Some of these projects as, for instance, the further development of the super iconoscope and of a photo multiplier, the development of a super orthicon by the Main Department for Electronic Tubes, basic research for the development of a large projection tube based on the inner photoelectric principle (Vidicon), and research on further developments of television tubes, were approved by the State Planning Commission. No information was obtained on the activities of the other departments.

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